

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/352,362	YAMAZAKI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☒ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 15-24,28,30-115 and 123-178.

Identification of prior art discussed: Yamazaki et al. (JP 10-1035469 & US 2002/0119633), Sato et al. (US 5,869,387) and Ohtani et al. (US 6,559,036).


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussion focused over the prior art presented in the last Office action. The examiner agrees that Yamazaki et al. (JP 10-135469) appears to teach a second heat treatment in an oxidizing atmosphere contrary to the claimed reducing atmosphere. However, this arguments will be fully considered when filed as a response to the last Office action. It is noted that the nonstatutory double patenting rejection is still pending.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

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 Examiner's signature, if required